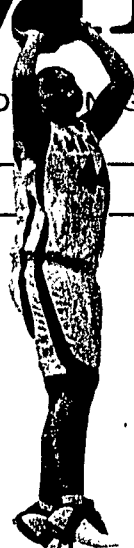


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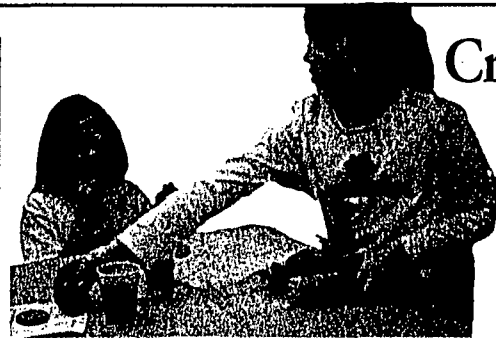
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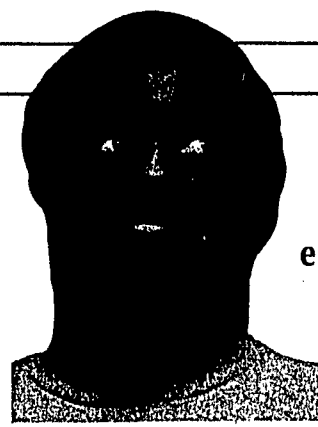
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Kerry sweeps state, county in Tuesday primaries

Local voter turnout above
average in third week of
Democratic primaries

By STEPHANIE STANGL
CHIEF REPORTER

Following suit with previous weeks, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry once again reigned supreme in Tuesday's local primary.

According to County Clerk Beth Hann, Kerry dominated the county with 52.3 percent of the vote.

Kerry also captured the entire state with 51 percent. South Carolina Sen. John Edwards finished a distant second with 25 percent of the vote.

One-time front-runner Vermont Gov. Howard Dean finished a dismal third with 9 percent, while Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman dropped out.

According to Hann, the results were no surprise.

"Though I didn't expect it would be that overwhelming, I did expect Kerry to win," Hann said.

Until Dick Gephardt bowed out following a disappointing loss in the Iowa caucus, candidates assumed Missouri was guaranteed to the St.



PHOTO BY NIKI CARDER/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Viola Gumm casts her vote in this year's primary election. Gumm was one of 1,092 registered Nodaway County voters to participate.

Louis congressman.

Kerry also snagged four other states including Arizona, Delaware, New Mexico and North Dakota.

It was not a clean sweep for Kerry, however. Edwards took South Carolina with 45 percent of the vote, while retired Gen. Wesley Clark seized Oklahoma with 30 percent.

According to Hann, of approximately 12,500 registered Nodaway county voters, only 1,092 actually participated for a turnout of 8.2 percent.

Michelle Schmitz, music therapy major at Northwest, cited being uniformed as her reason for avoiding the polls.

"I haven't really kept up with the election," Schmitz said. "I didn't want to vote not knowing where all the candidates stood on issues."

Maryville resident Viola Gumm

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Horace Mann security plan sent back to drawing board

Parents express concerns
about proposed changes
to Brown Hall access

By LACEY BAGLEY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Faculty and staff have teamed up with Campus Safety to find a way to make Brown Hall a safer place.

At 7 p.m. last Thursday night, parents of Horace Mann students were introduced to a tentative plan to secure the school and Brown Hall beginning this June. The plan, which called for restricted access to the building, was met with heated resistance and quickly discarded to be replaced by a new proposal.

"If they were going through with the plan they had, I was against anything that cut down on the interaction between the parents and the children," said Jennifer McManaman, a mother of four Horace Mann students.

The plan was designed with the expert help of Clarence Green, director of Campus Safety. Green researched other elementary schools in the area and their security practices. He then tailored a system for Horace Mann Elementary. Green's suggested plan called for doors that would be locked to outside traffic, a sign-in list for visiting parents and Brown Hall students, closed circuit television monitors (CCTV) and portable radios carried by all teachers. The plan also included specific times for dropping off students in the morning and picking them up in the afternoon.

Several parents pointed out that the

pick-up and drop-off times were both impractical and inconvenient, given the time and parking space they have to work with.

A big issue for parents is parking in the circle drive behind Horace Mann. Ideally, the drive is reserved for parent use between approximately 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and it is used to drop off and pick up children. However, in the afternoon, when parents are trying to pick up their kids, the drive is congested with college students. Parents were determined to find a way to keep college students from parking in the drive during school hours. They suggested additional ticketing and towing.

It was also suggested that the playground behind the school be made into a parking lot or handicapped spaces be sacrificed for temporary parent use. Green told parents getting rid of the playground or the handicapped parking spaces were not logistically sound, although the ticketing and towing had more merit. The parking issue raised enough concern, it overshadowed the security issues for much of the meeting. Concerns with the security plan centered around a welcoming center or sign-in lists to monitor traffic throughout the building. Those actions were perceived as an infringement on the principles that Horace Mann was founded on, the parents' ability to watch their children in the classrooms and talk to teachers informally.

"I would be open to radios and cutting traffic down through the building," McManaman said. "I am

(see 'Horace Mann' page 5A)

Six charged in Wal-Mart theft ring

Employees, customer
accused of stealing
thousands in merchandise

By AARON BAILEY
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

An ongoing investigation into an alleged Wal-Mart theft ring has resulted in felony charges against six Maryville residents.

Since last summer, between \$25,000 and \$50,000 in merchandise, and in some instances cash, had been stolen from the Maryville Wal-Mart Supercenter. Five of the six accused were employed at the store and allegedly used a process called "underlaying" to steal the merchandise. Underlaying is when

a register clerk will act as if an item is scanned, but it doesn't register on the recipients' bill.

Brandi Harrington, 21, a former Wal-Mart employee, was charged with three counts of felony stealing by deceit.

Andrea Hansen, 21, a Northwest student, was also charged with three counts of felony stealing by deceit.

Haywood Jackson, 19, a Missouri Western State College student and former Wal-Mart employee, was charged with two counts of felony stealing by deceit.

Charles Dryer, 20, a former Wal-Mart employee was charged with one count of felony stealing by deceit.

Tamanda Jenkins, a Northwest student and former Wal-Mart em-

ployee, was charged with one count of felony stealing by deceit.

Aaron Scroggins, a Northwest student and former Wal-Mart employee, was charged with one count of misdemeanor stealing by deceit.

In order for the charge to be classified as a felony, the dollar amount must exceed \$500. According to Nodaway County Prosecutor David Baird, the maximum penalty for one count of felony stealing by deceit is seven years in prison or up to one year in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

Director of Public Safety Keith Wood said internal security at Wal-Mart alerted police of the thefts on Jan. 30. Later that evening, Harrington, Jackson and Dryer were arrested and charged. Hansen,

Jenkins and Scroggins were arrested separately in the following days.

According to Wood, the exact number of suspects in this investigation continues to grow as more information is gathered.

"We are interested in anybody involved in this," Wood said. "If someone is afraid their name may come up in the investigation, they should contact us before we contact them. With this many defendants involved, it has the opportunity to multiply itself."

Wood said he hopes to wrap up the investigation next week and is unsure if any more arrests will be made. But he stressed that investigations like this will almost never be

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FROM THE HARD LAND... to the Heartland



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY LAURA CADY/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Clarence Green Jr.'s path of determination has lead him from crime stricken East St. Louis to his farm in rural Maryville.

Raised in one of the most dangerous and poverty-stricken areas of the Midwest, Campus Safety's Clarence Green persevered to become a model for black achievement

By JANEA PHILIP
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Most people know Clarence Green, Jr. for his kind and approachable ways. His traditional "yes sir" and "yes ma'am" mentality is a result of being raised in one of the worst cities to date.

Growing up in East St. Louis, Ill., Green was subjected to a lifestyle of drugs, gangs and violence on a daily

basis. Although the experience of living in such a hostile community had negative effects it fueled his determination towards progression.

It wasn't unusual for him to witness a police chase, drug busts or even a dead body on his high school practice field. The criminal activity in East St. Louis was something everyone in the community was accustomed to.

"I lived in a neighborhood where a bunch of guys would just hang out and claim the street you live on," Green said. "You start protecting your street and you just become a member of their clique."

Green's involvement with his peers caused him to be kicked out of his parent's house when he was 14. He then moved in with his aunt where he began to change his focus.

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Merger would result in more than just name changes

Tenure, teaching hours
may change for 'darling child'
of University of Missouri system

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

In less than two weeks the Memorandum of Understanding could find itself in the state legislature.

The memorandum was unanimously approved by the University of Missouri system Board of Curators Thursday.

The memorandum, which has served

as the backbone for the proposed merger between Northwest and the UM System, was the focus during the third and final town hall meeting Friday.

While both boards charge to pass the memorandum to state legislators, questions have arose regarding retirement plans, research and faculty tenure. Not only that, but the four current UM campuses—Kansas City, Columbia, St. Louis and Rolla—have programs that are similar to Northwest.

Complex questions arise among faculty, staff

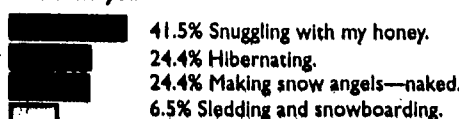
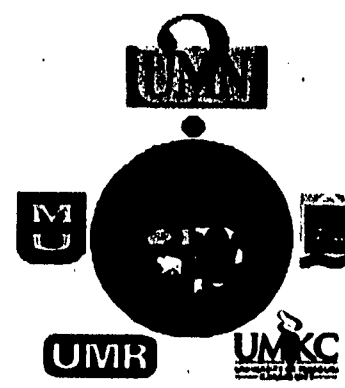
All last week, the same question kept

coming up: What retirement plan will Northwest abide by if it merges with UM?

Northwest faculty, staff and administration is currently on Moser's 80-year plan, which calculates age and number of years with the University to determine what age one can retire at with benefits.

However, UM has its own system with different criteria. If the merger passes, the choice will be up to the individual, said Ray Courter, vice president of Finance.

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- a. Howard Dean.
- b. Janet Jackson's bustier.
- c. Tom Brady.
- d. Your Mom.

Versatile Student Regent prepared for challenge

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

Stephen Terry Jr. is not your typical Northwest student.

More than once, he's had to miss a few trimesters of classes after being deployed to serve his country as a military officer.

But that's not the extent of his service. Since enrolling at Northwest at the age of 21, Terry remains active in various campus organizations. Most recently, as Northwest's new Student Regent.

Terry waits to be confirmed by the Missouri Senate as Northwest's Student Regent in May 2005. Until then, he will work with Paul Klute to transition into his new role.

Terry said that as the new Student Regent, he could serve as a voice to a wide variety of students.

"I can serve as a voice to students in organizations, for Greeks, for non-traditional students and for first-generation students," Terry said. "I can serve as a voice for so many different students."

Terry said he has had extensive leadership training from not only his involvement in campus organizations and youth leadership programs, but most importantly, from the military.

He served with the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, where he was a Civil Affairs Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge.

During Terry's time as an officer, he served as soldiers' leader, mentor and friend. Terry said he was responsible for the physiological needs and safety of soldiers.

Terry served as a liaison between non-government organizations such as UNICEF, the United Nations, local government municipalities and ethnic groups. "I was the communication between all of them," Terry said. "I served as an unbiased representative, so I could convey each constituent's ideas and concerns."

He said that the certain situations he was placed in, in the years he served in military, helped him to gain leadership skills.

"I think that in those years of military, before I even came to school, that I developed certain types of morals and I developed a certain character, a leadership driven character," Terry said. "I think it's one of my strongest accolades that I convey."

Terry said he thought he could ar-

tribute it to organizations on campus such as Student Ambassadors, Inter-Fraternity Council as president and the University Players Theatre Organizations.

"I think that you can gain something from everything that you do and from every single person you meet," Terry said. "My philosophy was to meet as many people as I could, do as much as I can and that would make me more experienced and make me more perceptible to other people's thoughts and needs."

Deb Toomey, assistant director of advisement, said she has known Terry since he was a freshman. She has worked with him in Student Support Services as he assisted in the programs. Toomey also said she helped train him to be a Peer Advisor, SOAR Leader and now she works with him in the Student Ambassador program.

"Steve is one of those students who has kept coming back in different capacities," Toomey said. "He is a permanent fixture in our office."

Terry said the one thing people ask him all the time, is why he is so successful and how he has remained successful through deployment—Even through coming to school at the age of 21 and being an independent student.

"My biggest belief is that no matter who you are or where you have come from, I believe that each and every single student has the opportunity to be successful," Terry said. "I try to tell that to students."

Terry will take what he believes in, to inform and represent the students.

"I want as many students to inform me about their concerns as possible," Terry said. "I want to try and reach as many students as I can."

Terry said it will be difficult to help with every student's concern, but he said he is excited about the challenge.

"I am going to have to take the overall concerns of the students and the overall beliefs and ideas of students," Terry said. "I am going to have to make those into an actual framework in order to present those to the Board of Regents."

And Terry is also prepared for the experiences.

"I am excited about the irreplaceable experience that I am going to gain over the next two years," he said. "I don't think that there is a more historic time to be involved in this position as a Student Regent, because there is so much going on with the merger."



STEPHEN TERRY
STUDENT REGENT

Thinkin' fast



PHOTO BY NIKI CORDER/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Rachel Joiner, left, Ashley Yates and Brent Scarbrough eagerly wait to see if their team advances to the final round. "It's free money just for acting like a fool," Yates said. "I won \$40 for impersonating Bernie Mac."

Student committee prepared for merger presentation

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

After 50-plus hours of labor, Student Senate's Merger Committee chairman, believes his work, along with 15 others, was worth the effort.

"Whatever it took, was what we had to do as a committee to make sure that the student voice was heard," said Chase Cornett, chairman of the Merger Committee.

As Saturday nears, the Board of Regents will meet to vote on the Memorandum of Understanding. The board will decide whether or not to move forward with the merger with the Uni-

versity of Missouri system.

The board will receive a report Saturday that will include the survey done last trimester, a list of comments from students who answered the student profile survey and students' major questions. More importantly, the board will receive Northwest students' stance on the merger.

Cornett said he wants to encourage all students to attend Saturday's Board of Regents meeting at 1 p.m. in the Student Union Boardroom.

Student Senate's formation of the Merger Committee began Jan. 20 after Senate approved a proposal to form a committee on Dec. 2.

Cornett said the committee's original intent in December was to form a group of students to investigate the merger and to keep Student Senate up-to-date on its progress.

However, Cornett said that, at the same time the committee was formed and had its first meeting Jan. 29, the memorandum and the merger timeline had been released. The focus of the committee had to change as it began its work.

"The committee's focus has definitely changed in to being not only trying to inform students, but to get as many responses (back) as possible," Cornett said.

Cornett said the committee sat down and worked out what it wanted to do based on the number of members it had and the time frame.

"With the focus of the committee changing, it's definitely been a battle to be able to get everything done in a short time span," Cornett said.

Cornett also said that committee members put in many hours of work outside of the meetings with different responsibilities delegated to each member.

"We want to make sure as much information as we know is as widespread and efficient as possible," Cornett said.

Moscow Ballet to perform classic fairy tale

By JEREMY SCHWENK
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Moscow Festival Ballet will entertain Cinderella fans tonight with a full-length, three-act ballet.

The event concludes part one of the Encore Performance Series, which also recently featured the new adaptation of The Wizard of Oz.

The Moscow Festival Ballet, which will be performing later this month in Las Vegas, is led by Artistic Director Sergei Radchenko. Radchenko, 59, who graduated from the Moscow School of Dance in 1964, worked for the Bolshoi Ballet for 25 years before starting the Moscow Festival Ballet in 1989.

Radchenko will be accompanied with leading dancers from

across Russia, along with stars of the Bolshoi and Kirov Ballets. "This is a first for us," said Bryan VanOsdale, director of Campus Activities. "We've had ballets here before, but never by the Moscow Ballet."

They will be performing live at the Mary Linn Auditorium tonight at 7:30 and the performance is expected to last around two and a half hours.



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Founded in 1989, the Moscow Festival Ballet has toured throughout the world. The classic Cinderella story will be performed at Northwest.

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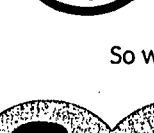
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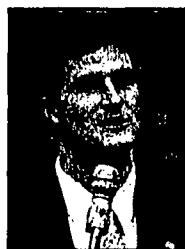
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Bradi Lager

District 4 State Representative



Q What are some problems currently facing Nodaway county?

A Economic development is the problem that I believe we need to focus on. Within economic development, it breaks down into subgroups such as transportation, infrastructure and reliable, affordable water deployment.

Q What do you hope to accomplish in this legislative session?

A This is going to be a very challenging year. Though fiscally, I believe it's going to be better than last year because we are finally seeing positive revenues. In terms of massive development, as this is an electoral year, you are not going to see an overhaul in state government. I believe you are not going to see nearly as many bills passed. We are going to make some progress in certain areas such as foster care reform and hopefully in job growth and incentives.

Q What would you like to see done to improve Nodaway County aesthetically?

A We have to focus on when you enter and exit this county. When you go south on Hwy. 71, every eight miles the road is about to fall apart. We need to bring the sections up to par.

Q What are your views on the merger between Northwest and the University of Missouri system?

A At this point, Sen. Klindt and myself have kind of removed ourselves from active involvement. We get occasional briefings, but I am really waiting for the Board of Regents to work through the process and then give me guidance on what they believe needs to happen. When they are comfortable and ready, we can decide if we can logistically get it done or not. We need to do this in a reasonable way so we do what's right.

Q How would you rate George Bush's first term as President?

A I think the President has done great for a couple of reasons. First of all, whether we like it or not, he inherited an economy that was on its way down fast. As he cut taxes, he did so in such a fashion to drive economic growth. Secondly, the war on terror has to happen. The reality is that we can either fight it in their backyard or ours.

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CHIEF REPORTER

How the cookie crumbles: Area Girl Scouts look to overcome winter weather for strong sales

By STEPHANIE STANGL
CHIEF REPORTER

Local Girl Scouts attempt to remain optimistic this cookie season, despite adverse selling conditions.

According to Kathy Lipiec, leader of Troop #305 in Maryville, the cold weather has stunted sales in previous years.

"Last year, our sales were down almost \$70,000," Lipiec said. "We actually held a 'second chance sale' and asked the girls to try to sell 10 more boxes apiece."

Although the current sales seem to be slightly affected, Lipiec says that figures aren't nearly as low as last year.

In addition, she suggested a price increase as a possible factor responsible for the reduction in sales.

"The cookies went from \$3 to \$3.50," Lipiec said. "We kept wondering if sales would have been better if we had only raised the price to \$3.25."

Parents are now encouraged to be less active in the selling process, even if it happens to hurt sales.

"For little girls, it may be hard to pick up the phone and talk to customers," Lipiec said. "But it's better to learn these types of skills early on. Not much is gained if Mom or Dad does it all for them."

However, playing a larger role in the selling process doesn't frighten local Girl Scouts.

"I love selling to the people," said Brownie Mikaila Wallace. "It's so much fun going to their houses."

Lipiec wanted the community to know that all proceeds retained go to directly benefit the Girl Scout troop.

"As the girls sell, they earn 'cookie



Sixth-grader Abbie Dunlap serves her troop sisters (from left) Gabby Church, 8, and Aubrey Kimble, 8. Despite slightly faltering sales due to inclement weather, Maryville Troop #305 will continue to sell the cookies through March 9.

credit' of \$1.18 per box," Lipiec said. "They can use this money towards various trips or anything else they wish to work towards."

According to Lipiec, it's important for girls to learn fundamental financial skills early on.

"Kids do not have the same re-

spect for money that previous generations did," Lipiec said. "Money doesn't have the same perspective to them, but if they earn the money for, say, a \$50 ticket to an amusement park, then maybe it will begin to sink in."

Regardless, Girl Scouts continues

to instill many values.

"We try to teach girls to respect both themselves and each other," Lipiec said. "We also try to do a lot of service oriented projects and emphasize the importance of sharing."

To purchase cookies, residents can contact Kathy Lipiec at 582-2462.

Meals on Wheels serves up food and philanthropy

By ANTHONY STIENS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Mitzi Lutz looked for a way to show her daughter the value of money, helping others and giving back to the community. The answer: Meals on Wheels.

"This was a great program to give my daughter and I a chance to help the community," said Lutz, director of information and marketing for University Relations at Northwest.

Lutz and her daughter Jessica, a third grader at Horace Mann Elementary School, team up to deliver 25 meals to elderly residents in the community once a month.

"Meals on Wheels assures one quality meal a day for residents who might not get it otherwise," Lutz said.

Meals on Wheels was established in Nodaway County in 1975, only delivering 10 meals a day. Now, the program delivers up to 100 meals a day.

Rose Vance, Meals on Wheels coordinator, has seen the program grow in a positive direction with the help of donors like The United Way of Nodaway County.

"The United Way has been a great source for us and helped us for years and years," Vance said.

The program continues to flourish with approximately 30 volunteers who deliver meals to area residents. Maryville Middle School is just one group that takes time to help the program.

"The recipients faces really light up when they see the kids helping out, especially because of how mannerly the kids



Margaret Palmer (right front), Rose Frueh and Doris Schieber assemble lunches for the area Meals on Wheels program. An average of 95 meals a day are delivered by program volunteers.

are," Vance said.

The suggested contribution for a meal is \$2, but Vance says the recipients can pay what they feel they can afford.

As this program continues to grow, both in volunteers and recipients, Vance stresses the importance of a program like

Meals on Wheels.

"Without Meals on Wheels, you would see growth in nursing homes and a lot of senior citizens not knowing where to turn for a quality meal," Vance said. "Fortunately, we have a program set up which can reach our needs."

Citezens for Action group holds meeting to better Maryville

By JARED HOFFMANN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville Citizens for Community Action held its annual meeting Monday to discuss projects and goals for 2004.

Bio-terrorism response plans, public smoking prevention and community volunteer work were among the issues discussed at the meeting. Organization representatives across Nodaway County

were given approximately two minutes to present issues they plan on addressing in the community.

Judy Frueh, regional response planner for the Nodaway County Health Center, said that a plan is in the works to protect citizens in the event of a bio-terrorism attack.

"Our goal is to complete a response plan that would cover eight counties, including Nodaway," Frueh said. "The plan would enable us to treat everyone

with vaccines and take necessary security measures."

Teri Harr, health education coordinator at St. Francis Hospital, addressed the controversial issue of smoking in restaurants. Harr said that, although she is pleased with the ordinance passed in June to prohibit smoking in restaurants, there are still issues that need tackling.

"I admire the mayor and city council for taking the stand to benefit our community," Harr said. "We need to

continue to educate the community on the effects of second-hand smoke."

Harr also said that the soon-to-open Applebee's willingly complies with all city regulations, by building inside city limits.

"It is a very positive thing that they realized that they don't have to have smoking to generate business," Harr said. "We want to keep smoking out of the community without hurting businesses."

St. Francis to undergo more improvements

By JESSICA EAGEN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

In the midst of ongoing improvements, construction hats will remain the fashion at St. Francis Hospital as a new project begins in the surgical unit.

In January, a proposal submitted late last year was approved with construction slated to begin in May. According to the proposal, the outdated surgery unit, developed in the 1960's, is ready for a \$4.1 million makeover. This 18-month project will expand the surgical unit by 5,250 square feet.

"After construction, we should see the increase of patient privacy and satisfaction, as well as flexibility in scheduling," said Mike Baumgartner, president of St. Francis Hospital.

Heavy scheduling of surgeries causes the unit to exceed its capacity on a regular basis, not to mention the increased need of storage, as the medical industry has had made great technological advances. Since 1999 the number of surgeries has grown from approximately 800 to 1,700 per year, increasing the need for more space.

Surgery Nurse Manager Deb Puckett said that St. Francis can schedule up to 17 outpatient surgeries for the five beds the hospital has available daily. This keeps the surgical staff constantly busy trying to keep every room ready for its next visitor.

But her biggest concern is still that of the patient.

"With all of the surgeries, I'm sure our patients feel rushed, as we try to recover them as fast as possible just to fit the next person in," Puckett said.

Puckett feels the new space should bring a lot of change.

"Brand new beds and equipment will give our surgical unit the advantage of big-city technology with small-town feel," Puckett said.

Community events

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| Thurs. 5 | ■ A Women's Heart study , 8:30 a.m., First Baptist Church |
| Fri. 6 | ■ First Baptist Church's Men's Prayer Breakfast , 7 a.m., Maryville HyVee |
| Sat. 7 | ■ VBS Workshop/Brunch , 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church |
| Sun. 8 | ■ Basketball Freethrow Championship , 2:30 p.m., St. Gregory Gymnasium |
| Mon. 9 | ■ You and Me group , Maryville Community Center |
| Tues. 10 | ■ National Leadership Success Day |
| Wed. 11 | ■ Nodaway County University Outreach and Extension Council meeting , 7:30 p.m., Courthouse Annex |

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Our View

On his own terms

Bush's far-from-independent investigation of intelligence in Iraq merely dodges accountability for mistakes made.

It's early February and election season is in the air. Locally, the dust continues to settle two days after Sen. John Kerry's overwhelming Missouri primary victory. Signs and billboards continue to line highways throughout the nation, advertising patriotism and promises. Pundits continue to prophesize and political advertisements clog the airwaves.

Throughout much of the race for the democratic nomination, our president has surprised his constituency by wisely choosing to maintain a stoic silence throughout the firestorm of criticism from hopeful challengers.

Yet, as was to be expected and in true character, President Bush has once again decided to mark his entry with a bang. This time, with the recent announcement—after months of political pressure, no less—that he will create a so-called independent panel to probe why U.S. intelligence agencies were wrong about pre-war claims that Iraq had harbored weapons of mass destruction.

Good to hear. It's high time the Bush administration realizes an explanation to the American people is long past due.

It goes without saying that we at *The Missourian* are nothing short of elated to hear of plans of the investigation. However, the apparent motivations behind the announcement seem to be just as great a travesty as the lack of a probe itself.

Detailing his plan on Monday, Bush plans to aim the 18-month comprehensive investigation into looking at pre-war intelligence and findings of the Iraq Survey Group, the 1,400-man search operation formerly led by David Kay, which was once responsible for finding supposed WMDs following last summer's invasion in the country. The announcement follows Kay's recent testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee, which stated not only that "It turns out we were all wrong..." but also that it was highly unlikely that any banned weapons would be found.

Despite claims that the investigation will carry on through 2005 in order to diffuse accusations that Bush's actions are politically motivated, it appears to be nothing short of a run-around by the Bush administration, rather than what is truly deserved to the American people—an admission of error regarding whether WMDs existed in Iraq.

But instead, the probe is simply an ambiguous retreat by the Bush administration, in a blatantly biased form. This investigation will clearly be conducted on the president's terms, as part of his agenda. Not only will he appoint the members, but he will also set its time frame and its broad range.

And the results, no doubt, will likely leave everyone to blame but the Bush administration.

No better way to avoid a responsibility than to shift the blame to intelligence organizations, including the CIA and UN weapons inspectors, each of which who repeatedly told his administration months in advance to the March 2003 invasion of Iraq that no WMDs had been found.

It all simply goes to prove that the invasion of Iraq was the largest part of Bush's agenda since he first took his hand off the Bible in 2001. While it's certainly a positive that Saddam Hussein, a ruthless dictator responsible for countless human rights violations, has been removed from power, it's common knowledge that this wasn't the primary reason for Bush's justifying the invasion of Iraq last year. The sole reason claimed instead, was a concrete assurance that WMDs existed in the nation.

As is nearly every other foreign policy change since the reign of the Bush administration, this investigation can simply be chalked up to arrogantly taking advantage of American vulnerability. However, this time, such vulnerability was caused by the administration itself. Perhaps the only way to make up for the most recent mess—short of simply admitting a grave mistake—would be to allow Congress to conduct its own investigation.

Perhaps then, for the first time in a decidedly long era, the truth may finally rear its ugly head.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Interpretation of Amnesty's mission is misguided

I am writing in response to several letters and articles that have appeared in *The Northwest Missourian* over the past few months. I will begin with the most recent letter to the editor dated Jan. 28. Mr. Raffel makes some interesting points—some I agree with wholeheartedly and others that are wrong, or at the very least poorly researched.

If I may paraphrase, Mr. Raffel asks why Amnesty International has not spoken of the human rights violations in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria, Libya and most of the other countries. If Mr. Raffel had taken the time to research Amnesty International, he would have found exactly what he stated that Amnesty had refused to do.

Two clicks off Amnesty International's home page bring a database of human rights concerns since 1995. Now, I will be honest, I didn't view every entry for every year, but I did specifically view the yearly reports of those nations where Mr. Raffel claims that Amnesty International had kept a hypocritical silence. Not only were the human rights violations of Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria and Libya listed, but also were the human rights violations of every nation from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe. Mr. Raffel's cries of hypocrisy are ill informed. Another click brought the 2003 Annual Report on the Palestinian Authority. That Amnesty International report states:

"Palestinian members of armed groups

attacked Israeli soldiers and civilians. They killed more than 420 Israelis, including some 180 Israeli civilians within Israel and more than 80 Israeli civilians in the Occupied Territories, and injured thousands of other people. Their deliberate targeting of civilians constituted crimes against humanity. The main armed groups involved in the attacks were the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades (an offshoot of Fatah), Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades (Hamas), Islamic Jihad and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

I'll repeat that last part so you are sure to get it. "Their deliberate targeting of civilians constituted crimes against humanity." I fail to see the hypocrisy that is so blatant to Mr. Raffel. I am proud to be affiliated with Amnesty International, both the international organization as well as our local chapter at Northwest. This is an organization that decries human rights violations across the globe. Personally, I would prefer it if the local chapter of Amnesty International focused its attention on human rights violations in this country and those perpetrated in this country.

Why? Because I have a great love for my country and demand a higher standard in order that my son can have that same love and respect. But the Amnesty International chapter at Northwest chose to

highlight human rights violations and specifically the erection of a dividing wall in the Occupied Territories. They could have focused on the human rights violations of Albania, the Czech Republic or the Bahamas. But instead, they chose to focus on the building of a wall and the human rights violations that accompany such a misguided belief in a dividing wall as a positive good.

The point here, is that human rights violations are a worldwide problem. Instead of name-calling, finger pointing and attempts at shouting down one another, let us move forward and foster an environment where the human rights concerns of all people are addressed. If you don't agree with the focus of Amnesty International, join the organization and voice your concerns. Amnesty International has always promoted the democratic exchange of ideas.

Next year, the focus of Northwest's chapter of Amnesty International may be different, but the spirit will stay the same: to prevent and put an end to grave abuses of the rights to physical and mental integrity, freedom of conscience and expression and freedom from discrimination within the context of its work to promote all human rights.

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Anger, accusations of hypocrisy mostly unfounded

As a former *Missourian* columnist and as former president of Northwest's chapter of Amnesty International, I'd like to respond to the recently published letter written by Mr. David Raffel. First, regarding the attack on *The Missourian*: In my two years of experience as a columnist, I consistently found that I did not agree with most of the political opinions expressed in the paper (almost none of which, by the way, were ever very critical of Israeli policy). However, despite our very different views, *The Missourian* editorial staff always demonstrated a very high level of integrity and a respect for basic democratic principles (by allowing me to freely express my thoughts and opinions) that our national mainstream media would certainly do well to emulate.

Second, Amnesty International, both as an international human rights organization and a local chapter at Northwest, has worked diligently to oppose any violations of basic human rights (as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, our "supreme law of the land," according to the Constitution) anywhere in the world. Amnesty has had and still has major international campaigns specifically against the

human rights abuses in the nation's Mr. Raffel cites (Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria, Libya) as well as many other nations.

It's worth remembering that Amnesty was decrying and condemning the atrocities of Saddam Hussein even while the U.S. government was openly supporting them, and, in Saudi Arabia, the United States continues to support one of the most brutally repressive regimes in the world while Amnesty campaigns to protect human rights there. In the years since I helped restart a Northwest chapter of Amnesty, we've constantly worked to raise awareness and funds and to involve the larger community in order to help protect our basic human rights. There is no hypocrisy here on Amnesty's part (the organization combats human rights abuses whenever and wherever they occur, no matter what the political affiliations of the abusers), but there does seem to be a fair amount of uninformed fury on Mr. Raffel's part.

Contrary to Mr. Raffel's claims, if Mr. Isom or anyone else decides to go to the Occupied Territories to work for peace, they would be no more likely to be killed than

the thousands of people who are already there, often as representatives of Amnesty, Human Rights Watch, Jews Against the Occupation, Rabbis for Peace, the International Solidarity Movement, or other outside groups, all of whom are far more likely to be killed during Israeli military incursions than by Palestinians. Mr. Raffel also seems completely oblivious to the fact that many thousands of Palestinian people in the West Bank and Gaza (and elsewhere) are working for peace, democracy and respect for basic human rights, many of them with Palestinian or cross-cultural organizations like Palestinian House of Friendship, Seeds of Peace, the IBDA Cultural Center, Addameer Prisoners Support and Human Rights Association, Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group, and scores of other groups. As long as so many, including Mr. Raffel, remain tragically unwilling to look at the conflict honestly, with respect for both the Israeli and Palestinian peoples, a peaceful solution will continue to elude us.

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YOUR VIEW

Where would you take Insomniac's Dave Attell on his visit to Maryville?



"I would take him to Kawasaki to explore the possibilities of fun."

Keith Loeschner
Psychology



"Molly's, so I could show him a good time on the dance floor."

Stephanie Costanzo
Broadcasting



"I would take him to the back country roads so we can kick it, Maryville style."

Stan Koehler
Geography



"I would take him to house parties to see how he interacts with people."

Lance Kerekes
Biology/
Psychology



"I would totally take him to Paglia's buffet."

Sara Shepard
Industrial
Psychology



"I would take him to the bowling alley. Bowling is so hot right now."

Suzie Schuckman
Political Science



"I would take him to different bars and then to a party at my house."

Curtis Feather
Geography

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Kerry sweeps state, county in Tuesday primaries

participated in Tuesday's primary and feels more people ought to participate.

"We need to exercise our right to vote, because we would sure be unhappy if we didn't have it," Gumm said. "I can't understand people that don't want to."

The Missouri primary is an open primary, which is atypical because voters do not register by political party. In essence, a Republican could vote for a Democratic candidate that they feel would fail to be victorious.

Despite the voter turnout, some residents remain vehement on the right to vote.

"People have died so I can have this privilege," Maryville resident Julie Prokes said. "I vote because it's the right thing to do."

Stephanie Stangl can be contacted at 562-1224 or sstangl@missourianonline.com

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Horace Mann security plan sent back to drawing board

against having to sign in and out of the building when you want to pick up or drop off your kids."

Dave Oehler and other parents were concerned with how the increased security would affect the students.

"If the kids start to not feel safe, that would be a negative effect," Oehler said.

The meeting lasted more than two hours, but a solid plan never emerged. Ideas were sent back to a committee for revisions. McManaman volunteered to be a part of the planning committee on behalf of other parents.

Horace Mann Principal Rebecca Belcher was confident that a security plan will eventually be implemented at Horace Mann.

"We are housed in a community that doesn't have a great deal of crime, that's why a lot of people come here to live, but we need to keep up with the world as it changes," Belcher said.

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Green overcomes hardships to persevere in work, life

In high school, Green began to play football. His coach, Bob Shannon, taught him how to be a respectful, young black man and introduced him to the idea of college.

The book "The Right Kind of Heroes," by Kevin Horrigan, illustrates the coaching techniques of Bob Shannon and tells the story of his football team, the East St. Louis Flyers.

In the book, Horrigan describes Green as a "hardworking kid, who more than any other player on the team, has taken Shannon's lectures to heart."

Coach Shannon helped the students believe in themselves even though they lived in an environment that suggested prosperity to be obscure. Shannon led the team with the creed: "No matter what stands in your way, success is possible if only you work hard enough."

This creed helped Green pave a new direction for his life.

Green began to strengthen the relationship with his father after he moved in with his aunt. His father, Clarence Green Sr., taught him the skills of rabbit hunting. Green began to train dogs for hunting instead of hanging out with friends after school.

"Hunting kept me out of the streets," Green said. "My father used to say, 'take your kids hunting or hunt your kids.'"

Green moved back in with his parents when he was 18. He continued to hunt with his father and play football until he enrolled into college.

"I always thought I would live in East St. Louis. I never thought I would live anywhere else. I never thought I would do anything," Green said.

In 1990 Green enrolled at Northwest and was introduced to a world completely different from the one he was raised in. The strong influence of his parents and his coach pushed him to be successful and become more than a stereotypical male from East St. Louis. The transition caused him to reflect on how his life had changed.

"All my life I said that I wanted to do something. I said 'Well, I know crime pretty good,'" Green said.

He graduated in three years with a major in sociology/psychology and a minor in criminal justice. He also played football and made All-American for two years.

In 1993 Green married Michelle Davis and proceeded to start a family and further his career in law enforcement. He attended the University of Missouri-Columbia to receive his Missouri police officer certification in 1994. Upon his completion of the program, he was No. 1 in academics and second overall.

"I didn't do very well in the physical aspects," Green laughed.

Green worked for Maryville Public Safety for four years before he joined Campus Safety as nighttime sergeant in 1998. Two years after his employment he was hired as interim director of Campus Safety at Northwest. In 2000 President Dean Hubbard ap-

pointed Green as the Director of Campus Safety.

Green has excelled as the director of Campus Safety, improving some of their management and safety techniques.

"We have come so far from the way things used to be like," dispatcher Monica Kahmann said. "I am sure everyone has heard about (the shooting of) the Lincoln statue."

Along with his accomplishments in law enforcement, Green is also a member of the National Kennel Club. He currently breeds 50 beagles in Illinois, Kansas and Mississippi. Last year his beagle was ranked No. 1 in the country.

He currently sponsors a youth hunt in Nebraska that teaches troubled youth about hunting.

Green shows the kids the importance of team unity and explains the difference of hunting for survival versus using guns to harm people.

"Overcoming the obstacles in his life as a black man, makes him a more positive role model," his wife Michelle said.

Through all of his trial and tribulations of growing up in a violent community, Green still managed to become successful.

"I think that it is an honor to be an African-American in prominent positions," Green said.

Green is a powerful example for young black men raised in inner cities. He provides a source of hope that allows his community members to believe in prosperity, even when you come from an inferior environment.

Green follows a motto from a South African fighter Steven Biko, who said "A man without knowledge of his past is like a tree without roots."

"A lot of black people today don't understand their past and don't understand their roots, so we're just lost searching, trying to figure out what we are and try to find our place in society," Green said. "They need to know a lot of our past is ugly, but so much of it is great."

His goals as a role model are to help people understand the uniqueness of outside cultures and acknowledge the equality of all. He consistently reaches his four children about black history, to inform them of the great ancestry they stem from.

"I don't want them to think they're better than anyone, but I want them to know they are just as good as anyone," Green said.

Unlike many black men in crime polluted cities, Green did not allow his environment to define him. Although he came from one of the roughest communities in America, East St. Louis gave him the skills to survive in the world. His parents and loving family helped Green maintain compassion in a world full of hatred.

"Words can't explain what I feel for him," Michelle said. "He is my best friend, my soul mate and we complete each other. I couldn't live without him."

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Merger raises questions regarding future

"(UM) has richer benefits, but they don't have the 80-and-out plan," Courter said. "There's a \$5.1 million (increase) if everyone transfers, which is highly unlikely."

Tenured faculty status has also caused skepticism, as some faculty and staff expressed their concern about what their status will be if the merger is approved.

"Tenured faculty will remain tenured," Provost Taylor Barnes said. "Nothing will change in ranking and promotions."

Research across the UM system has created a stir among certain faculty on the Northwest campus.

"The more research you do, the more you're taken out of the classroom. It's as simple as that," said Richard Fulton, associate professor of political science.

There will be an increase in research in doctoral programs, Barnes acknowledged.

"It will at a 12-hour mode, but that will be a combination of teaching and research," Barnes said.

UM System transfers voice concerns about merger

Across the wide spectrum of the UM system, research proves to be the name of the game, according to UM transfer students.

"(At UMKC) it's publish or perish," Northwest senior transfer Justin Bush said.

"If (professors) got under pressure to get stuff published, you sometimes thought they were just assigning chapters for you to read so they could get their research done."

Tuition prices in the UM system, marked at \$6,588 per semester, is one of the many complaints UM-Columbia transfer Alexis Hejna had about her experience.

"The teachers, the curriculum and the way the money is spent are the three main reasons I transferred," said Hejna, sopho-

more broadcasting major.

Hejna said most of her professors weren't professors, they were graduate students and teacher assistants.

After transferring to Northwest last Fall, Hejna fears Northwest will turn into UM-Columbia.

"I don't see the point of the merger," Hejna said. "And the last thing (Northwest) needs is to be more like MU. I don't see the point...I'm worried about facing the same problems I faced at MU."

MU, UMSL, Rolla programs rival Northwest

The UM-Columbia and UM-St. Louis campuses rank first and third in student enrollment in the state—Columbia's campus hovers around 26,000 while UMSL has nearly 16,000 students.

And while Northwest has programs in biology, mass communications and computer science, they may rival those of the Columbia, St. Louis and Rolla campuses.

"Each university is very different," said Joe Moore, UM system spokesman. "(UM-Columbia) is often considered the classic on-campus university, (UM-Rolla) is a premiere engineering school and UMKC we have considered our professional school."

The University of School of Mines and Metallurgy, now known as the University of Missouri-Rolla, draws students with an interest in engineering.

Even though the Columbia campus currently has an engineering program, UM-Rolla still uses engineering as a selling point.

"Each campus has its own market," said Andrew Careaga, manager of public relations at UM-Rolla. "We like to talk about technology, but we

have a new management program that provides students a business degree focused on technology advances. Columbia has a business degree, but we're focused differently."

UM-St. Louis, with an average age of 27—comparable to UMKC—has recently built an \$11 million Molecular Electronics facility and is planning a 100-acre business, research and technology park.

Hubbard said the campuses could be competing against one another.

"There will be competition," Hubbard said. "It will be like siblings in the family... (UM System President) Elson Floyd said we'll be looked at as the darling child."

Northwest faculty see similarities, differences in schools

Doug Dunham, associate professor of psychology at Northwest who also teaches classes at UMKC in the summer, said Northwest shouldn't change drastically.

"Based on the Memorandum of Understanding, we're still going to be known as a teaching university," Dunham said. "There are going to be four programs affected, especially Ph.D. (programs), and there's going to be more research."

The biggest differences between Northwest and UMKC professors, Dunham said, is that professors at UMKC teach six to nine hours in a year, whereas Northwest professors teach 20-24 hours per year.

Fulton is concerned Northwest will change in the long run.

"Though (Northwest and UM system administrators) say they won't have to increase tuition (at Northwest), I wonder if UMKC will allow Northwest to recruit in Kansas City with a lesser tuition," Fulton said. "(UMKC) has more political clout."

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Six charged with involvement in Wal-Mart theft ring

final, because of the outside chance more information will be revealed.

Right now, we're just tying up loose ends and covering everything, Wood said. "At this point, we're trying to recover merchandise and analyze certain individuals."

Andrea Hansen stated that although she knew Harrington, Jackson and Dryer, she wasn't close to any of them and considered them acquaintances. Hansen, the only one charged who wasn't employed by Wal-Mart, also said she had no idea she wasn't

paying for some of the items she brought to the registers when shopping at Wal-Mart.

"To be honest, I didn't even know the items weren't being scanned," she said.

According to the probable cause statement filled out by Officer Justin Ballantyne of Maryville Public Safety, Hansen is accused of appropriating approximately \$15,000 worth of merchandise from the store.

"Most of what we're seeing is that the people involved knew whoever was

checking them out and knew about (the illegal activity)," Wood said. "Kind of a 'I'll pay for my deodorant and soap, but skip the Walkman' type of thing."

Harrington, who is also charged with three counts of felony stealing by deceit, had the largest monetary value she allegedly took from Wal-Mart with approximately \$30,000, according to the probable cause statement filled out by Ballantyne.

The defendants will appear in court at 9 a.m. Feb. 24 at the Nodaway County Courthouse.

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Daryl Davis lecture: relationship with the KKK, Charles Johnson Theatre at 7 p.m. Free.

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Black Film Festival: "Amistad," Union Ballroom at 7 p.m. Free, sponsored by the Bearcat Bookstore.

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Spades Night, Union Living Room at 6 p.m. \$1 entry fee per team. Winner takes all.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 26

Black entrepreneur Columbus Pollar, speaker, Union Ballroom at 7 p.m. Free.

FRIDAY, FEB. 27

Alliance of Black Collegians Talent Show, Union Ballroom at 7 p.m. \$2 admission.

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

Candlelight vigil with music from the Alliance of Black Collegians Gospel Choir, Union Living Room at 7 p.m.

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Alliance of Black Collegians Soul Food Dinner, Union. Details to be announced.

A step toward harmony

BLACK ACHIEVEMENT MONTH ORGANIZERS
SEEK TO INFUSE NORTHWEST WITH CULTURE

BETSY LEE
FEATURES EDITOR

A glimpse into the Union during the lunch hour reveals a largely self-segregated society.

In the Union living room, a group of black students gathers to converse, while downstairs, white students cluster around lunch tables. In rare exceptions does intermingling occur.

"This is a diverse campus, but the groups don't interact," said Nicara Pratt, vice president of the Alliance of Black Collegians. "People think they don't need to mix and mingle with people of different races. But if we do mix and mingle, it will better everyone."

Black Achievement Month is an effort to bring races together, while educating students and the community about the accomplishments of black Americans. A series of events throughout the month of February provide chances for socialization, education and entertainment.

Minority Affairs Coordinator Jesse Haynes hopes the month-long celebration will be a starting point for students to begin to learn about each other.

"Unless you bring it to people's attention, they don't realize that they hang out with the same people everyday," Haynes said. "We're trying to build relationships to knock down the barriers that we have built up. This month is a chance to start that process."

Socializing with people of different races is a starting point. Kent Porterfield, vice president of Student Affairs, said many of the events help create a forum for questions and comments.

"Racism is not a comfortable topic, but it's a discussion we need to have," Porterfield said. "Sometimes you have to do it around an event like this, in order to create a place for people to feel comfortable with that dialogue."

Pratt is confident that

experiencing diversity will expand the horizons of many Northwest students.

"Your eyes will be opened. You will see different things and challenge your mind," Pratt said of the month's events. "When you are narrow-minded you are not going to grow. But if you try to experience new things, you will."

In addition to providing opportunities for socialization and growth, Haynes hopes these February events will educate students and community members about the contributions of black Americans. Haynes said speakers Daryl Davis and Co-

lumbus Pollar will be entertaining as well as informative.

Davis, a black man, developed a relationship with the Klu Klux Klan and will be sharing his experience with Northwest students. According to Haynes, Davis' presentation should not be missed.

"I thought he would bring some attention to the issue of the KKK," Haynes said. "It will give students a chance to ask questions about the group."

A Black Film Festival will also be a highlight of the month's activities. Haynes selected four films: "The Hurricane," "Radio," "Amistad" and "Glory," to highlight the struggles of black Americans. Haynes tried to stick to movies that were true to life.

"We just hope to inspire people," Haynes said. "I didn't feel that movies with no background would benefit anyone."

By offering events ranging from free movies to poetry readings, Haynes hopes that everyone can find something they will enjoy. The goal of the month, according to Haynes, is to touch as many people as possible.

"We don't just want one group there," Haynes said. "Our goal is to reach everybody."

Reaching a variety of people is also Pratt's goal. She is passionate about encouraging people of all races to participate in Black Achievement Month.

"This is not just a month for black students," Pratt said. "It's for anyone who is interested in learning about different cultures. These are great opportunities for growth."



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Minority Coordinator Jesse Haynes and Vice President of Student Affairs Kent Porterfield present Maryville Mayor Ron Moss with a list of Black Achievement Month events. Moss attended the ceremony kicking off the month's activities.

Though one can see many different faces in the Northwest student body, minorities only make up 6.8 percent. The goal of Black Achievement Month is to educate students about black culture.



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SIGNING DAY

Seven Spoofhounds signed national letters-of-intent to play college sports next season. Turn to page 3B to see which athletes are headed where.

Also, check out the front page to see who the Bearcats signed for football next season and find out the details on the recruits.

'CAT TRANSFERS

Northwest gained two more players for next year's squad.

Keith Holden and Steve Williams both come to the Bearcats with college football experience. Holden, a 6'3", 270-pound lineman, played tight end for the 2002 National Junior College champions. Last season he moved to center for Joliet (Ill.) Junior College.

Williams transferred to Northwest from Northern Illinois. He played for two seasons at the University of Indiana.

As a high schooler, Williams was offered scholarships from Florida State, Penn State, Purdue, Michigan State, Wisconsin, Texas and Indiana.

THIS WEEKEND

Northwest Men
at
Emporia State

Where: Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan.

When: 7:30 p.m. following the Northwest women's game

Last time: Northwest came away with an 84-70 win over Emporia the last time the two schools faced off.

Sky Wilson scored 14 points and was 7-of-9 from the free-throw line in the win.



Wilson

Why does it matter? Emporia State is still very much a threat. If Northwest isn't completely focused, it could be a loss for the Bearcats.

Northwest Women
at
Emporia State

Where: Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan.

When: 5:30 p.m.

Last time: Emporia handed Northwest its only loss in MIAA play when the Lady Hornets stung the Bearcats 72-58. Mikannet Tennel lead the Hornets with 17 points.

Sarah Vollertsen led the cold-shooting Bearcats with 13 points. Northwest was 18-68 from the field in the game.

Why does it matter? If the Bearcats want to win the MIAA regular season title, they have to get by the first-place Hornets. Had Northwest shot any better from the field, the game would likely decide who was in first place. However, with a loss, the worst Emporia can do is fall into a tie for first place.

SPOOFHOUND SUMMARIES

THIS WEEK

Maryville Boys 56 vs. Platte County 44
- Josh Wilmes led the Spoofhounds with 16 points

Maryville Girls 56 vs. Platte County 57
- Kelli Dawson led with 16 points



PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/SENIOR REPORTER
Kelvin Parker drives to the basket Wednesday night in the Bearcats win over Central Missouri State University. The No. 2 ranked Bearcats travel to Emporia State University this weekend to take on the Hornets Saturday night.

Men pull out another close win, Gardners late free throws seal it

By BILL KNUST
SENIOR REPORTER

WARRENSBURG, Mo. — He had not hit a shot all night, but Travis Gardner came through when it counted most.

The junior guard hit two free throws with 4.6 seconds left to give Northwest a four-point cushion and a 79-75 win Wednesday. Up to that point, Gardner was 0-for-8 from the field.

"Where I came from, big shots were something I had to take a lot," Gardner said. "It was frustrating tonight, shooting-wise, but I just had to block that out."

With junior point guard Sky Wilson in street clothes

and restricted to cheerleader status because of a hamstring injury, Gardner and junior guard Bilal Clarence were forced to pick up the slack.

Central Missouri State University also played short-handed. Junior center Pat Schumacher dressed, but did not play after spraining his ankle in a loss Saturday to Pittsburg State University. Schumacher torched the 'Cats for 20 points and 18 rebounds last Wednesday.

Clarence responded to Wilson's injury with 12 points and four assists on 4-of-8 shooting. Gardner also had three assists and two rebounds to go with his two points.

Senior point guard Kelvin

Parker was strong again Wednesday. The reigning MIAA Player of the Week had a team-high 19 points, seven assists and four boards to go along with six steals.

Oh yeah, he played all 40 minutes, too.

"I am a little tired," Parker said. "I am about ready to get on the bus and go to sleep. It was tough, but it was just a matter of playing smart and not making turnovers."

Northwest trailed 47-43 in the second half before making a 17-4 run to take a 60-51 lead. But like last week, Central did not go away and they answered with a 10-0 run of their own to take a one-point lead, 61-60.

"When (Please see 'Bearcats' Page 2B)

Northwest plans for stadium, other fields to serve as models

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

Yet another sport at Northwest may be able to boast a new stadium if current plans pan out.

Plans are in the works for a new baseball stadium, according to Assistant Athletic Director Mark Clements. While most elements of the new stadium are still in the infant stages of planning, the University has begun touring other stadiums in hopes of getting ideas.

Stadium officials have visited Kansas State University, Kansas University, Pittsburg State University, Central Missouri State University, University of Missouri and the University of Evansville for ideas.

"This is a work in progress," Clements said. "There are a lot of factors still to be determined in the process. We have to determine what we need and what

we want."

No timetable has been set as to when a new stadium would be built. In addition, the new stadium would likely not be on the same site as Bearcat Field's current location.

Head coach Darin Loe said several things are at the top of the schools list with the new stadium.

"Obviously the main thing is a playing surface that is updated to the level of play we have," Loe said.

Clements said the school was not going to hurry along the process.

"We like to have things first class here," Clements said. "We don't want to rush into anything."

With the stadium project being in such an early stage, another element yet to be determined is the price tag.

Though no definite amount of money is set, Clements said

that if the University was to take the current stadium and just replace the playing surface, the price tag would reach \$500,000.

Paying for the stadium is another question left to be answered. Two options for funding the project through private donors or capital campaign funding.

"We haven't gone that far," Loe said of the funding. "I'm sure we will use all avenues to fund the stadium."

The plan to have a new stadium is just part of Northwest's quest to have state-of-the-art facilities for the MIAA.

"Our football stadium is a benchmark for all the rest of the stadiums in the MIAA," Clements said. "We would like to see the baseball stadium become the same for the MIAA and eventually our facilities be at the top of Division II."

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Northwest inks 21 players to national letters-of-intent

Iowa quarterback headlines list of signees, plans to play basketball

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest football team will have 21 new members when they hit the practice field in August.

Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma and his coaching staff inked the incoming freshmen to national letters-of-intent during Wednesday's national signing day.

"Every year I say I'm happy about that year's class," Tjeerdsma said. "This year, I am really excited about how much talent we have at some of the skill positions."

Headlining the class are standout quarterback Joel Osborn from Harlan, Iowa, linebacker Jared Erspamer of Omaha, Neb. and wide receiver Kendall Wright of Sulphur Springs, Texas.

"Joel brings some of the best stats and honors of any quarterback that has ever played at Northwest," Tjeerdsma said.

As a senior Osborn, set Iowa state records with 3,254 passing yards and 42

touchdown passes on his way to leading Harlan to a Class 3A state championship. In addition, he will likely play basketball for the Bearcats next season. Division 1-AA South Dakota State University offered Osborn a scholarship.

"Erspamer brings speed to the linebacking corps and was named First-Team Super State in Nebraska. Erspamer also was the Class A State wrestling champion last year and is undefeated this season."

"He is the best linebacker that we have seen on tape for a long time," Tjeerdsma said.

Wright follows wide receivers Tony Miles, Jamaica Rector and Andre Rector to Northwest.

"Kendall hauled in 74 passes last year in high school which is really unheard of at that level," Tjeerdsma said. "He also long jumps 23 feet."

Wright, along with Raphael Robinson, will likely compete for the Northwest track and field team next season also, both in jumping events.

Another key signee is Phillip Harrison from Central High School. In high school, Harrison rushed for 4,323 yards and

Who's Who
of the 2004
signing class

Ramsey Atieh	DE	6'2"	235 lb.
-Central/St. Joseph			
Luke Bengston	WR	6'2"	205 lb.
-Johnston/Urbandale, Iowa			
Drew Butler	OL	6'6"	260 lb.
-Hayden/Topeka, Kan.			
Zach Chambers	LB	6'1"	190 lb.
-Treyner/Treyner, Iowa			
Jared Erspamer	LB	6'0"	215 lb.
-Millard South/Omaha, Neb.			
Josh Gannon	TE	6'2"	215 lb.
-Chillicothe/Chillicothe			
Brant Gregg	RB	5'8"	185 lb.
-Maryville/Maryville			
Brett Harding	DE	6'4"	230 lb.
-Oak Park/Kansas City, Mo.			
Phillip Harrison	RB	5'8"	165 lb.
-Central/St. Joseph			
Nikolas Lee	DL	6'3"	280 lb.
-Oak Park/Kansas City, Mo.			
Alex McConeghy	OLB	6'3"	200 lb.
-Dwelling/Urbandale, Iowa			
Luke Mroz	DL	6'2"	280 lb.
-Driscoll/Wood Dale, Ill.			
Matt Nelson	OL	6'0"	260 lb.
-Maryville/Maryville			
Joel Osborn	QB	6'2"	195 lb.
-Harlan/Harlan, Iowa			
Tyson Relch	OLB	6'0"	195 lb.
-North Crowley/Ft. Worth, Tex.			
Raphael Robinson	WR	6'2"	190 lb.
-Turner/Kansas City, Mo.			
Adam Schroeder	OL	6'3"	290 lb.
-Miller North/Omaha, Neb.			
Anthony Simmons	TE	6'3"	240 lb.
-Trinity Christian/Plano, Tex.			
Javen Spire	OL	6'4"	240 lb.
-Maryville/Maryville			
Daven Turner	RB	5'10"	195 lb.
-Boonville/Boonville			
Kendall Wright	WR	5'11"	165 lb.
-Sulphur Springs/Sulphur Springs, Tex.			

'Hounds finish regular season, prepare for upcoming districts

Drake comes in 2nd, 'Hounds finish in fifth place over the weekend

By ANDY TIMKO
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville Spoofhound wrestling team headed into the final tournament of the season and, after finishing in sixth place, left with their tails be-

tween their legs.

"I think the boys that represented our team wrestled pretty close to the best of their ability," head coach Joe Drake said. "We had a couple instances where we think we could have improved on our finish, but overall I think we wrestled very well."

According to Drake, the annual Maryville Tournament is very difficult for any team to win because of the competi-

Prior to last year, the 'Hounds had not won for years, but Drake does not feel that his team is put under any pressure by the fans.

"I think our kids enjoy it because they get to perform at home in front of their friends and everyone gets to see them perform," Drake said.

Even though the tournament was the last of the season, it still plays a big factor in the upcoming postseason.

"If you (Please see 'Wrestlers' Page 3B)

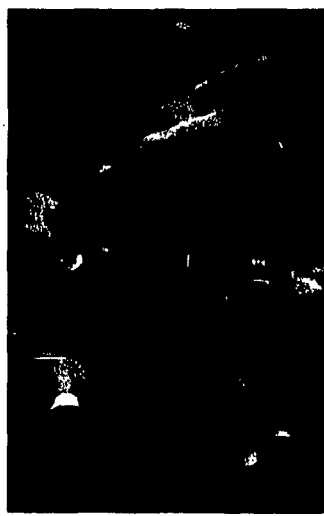


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/SPORTS EDITOR

Dan Nelson tries to throw his opponent to the mat during this weekend's Quad State Tournament held at Maryville.

Four Spoofhounds miss Quad State tourney, will likely miss districts

By ANDY TIMKO
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville Spoofhound wrestling team may be a few members short going into district competition this Saturday in Albany.

In Saturday's Quad State Classic, wrestlers Skyler Vandiver, Teal Twaddle, Ryan Schleusner, and Jake Mattson were missing from the lineup.

The 'Hounds finished sixth out of nine teams.

"Basically, it's a student discipline issue," Assistant Super-

intendent John Zeliff said. "It's not right to comment on it at this time."

According to a report from the Chillicothe Police Department, a Chillicothe resident called in a report for destruction of property at about 9 p.m. on Jan. 23, the same night the Maryville boy's basketball team played in Chillicothe.

One member of the team is accused of damaging 10 hand-painted signs, valued at \$25 each, on the Chillicothe High School property.

The other (Please see 'Four' Page 3B)

ON FRIDAY
Road Trip

Maryville boys' basketball makes a roadtrip to Smithville this Friday to take on the Dragons. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

ON SATURDAY
Post season wrestling time

The Spoofhounds wrestling team takes to the mat this weekend in district action at Albany High School.

Bearcats run over Mules again, face off against Emporia Saturday

By BILL KNUST
SENIOR REPORTER

WARRENSBURG, Mo., - Not much changed between Northwest and Central Missouri State since last week's Bearcat win.

The venue moved about 150 miles south to Central's Multipurpose Building, but the result was the same, as Northwest blew out the Jennies 77-52.

Northwest used a 24-3 run to break a 7-7 tie in the first half and erased any doubt of the outcome.

Northwest forced Central into shooting 33.3 percent from the field, while the 'Cats shot 45.7 percent.

Junior forward Ashely Poptanycz scored 11 of her game-high 17 points during the run.

"I hit two shots in a row and I felt like I was in a groove," Poptanycz said.

The Bearcats forced 31 turnovers and outscored the Jennies 41-8 in points off turnovers.

The stat left Poptanycz speechless before she finally mustered up a, "Wow!"

"I don't think they ever really solved our zone," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "When we play like that on defense, I think we are really tough."

With the score tied at seven, Poptanycz buried a jumper and after three layups by senior center Sarah Vollertsen and senior guard Jane Chalmers, Poptanycz hit a 16-foot jumper from the baseline followed, by a three-pointer from the right wing to increase the 'Cats lead to 21-10.

Senior guard Brooke Hogue hit one of her two three-pointers to extend the lead to 24-10 before Poptanycz put home a layup and a jumper.

Another three-pointer by senior guard Erica Hatterman capped the run. Overall, the 'Cats were 8-for-13 from behind the arc, including 5-for-7 in the first half.

Poptanycz led five Bearcats in double-figures. Sophomore guard Laura Friederich finished with 12 points, while Vollertsen, Hatterman and Hogue all scored 10.



PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/SENIOR REPORTER

Sophomore guard Laura Friederich drives to the basket during the Bearcats 77-52 win over Central Missouri State. Northwest faces off against Emporia State on Saturday.

Forward Bethany Orendorff and guard Jenna Shackelford led Central, with 10 points apiece.

Now the 'Cats turn their sights to South Central Region No. 1 seed and conference leading Emporia State University.

The win would be a big feather in the Bearcats' cap, Steinmeyer said.

"It'd be great," Steinmeyer said. "They're one of the best teams in the country and to beat them would say a lot to the country."

The 'Cats will have to shoot better this time around if they expect to hang with the Hornets.

"We were ice-cold last time," Poptanycz said. "We played good defense and we played hard, we just didn't shoot very well."

NORTHWEST LEADERS

Points- Poptanycz 17

Rebounds- Poptanycz 6

Assists- Chalmers 7

Steals- Chalmers 4

Blocks- Three tied with 1

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Northwest comes away with close win

that and you are down, and then you get up 11 and it looks like you are about to put the other team away, you waste a lot of energy," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "I looked out there and could see us having a let down."

But, the 'Cats responded with redshirt freshman forward Victor James' jumper to take a 62-61 lead and then they got a put back from junior Byron Jackson to take a three-point lead.

With the score tied at 67-67, sophomore Austin Meyer hit his second consecutive three-pointer to give the 'Cats a lead they would not relinquish.

Parker led five Northwest players in double figures. James had 12 points on 6-of-8 shooting and Meyer had 15 points on 5-of-10 shooting. Jackson chipped in 10 points and a team-high seven boards as well.

Derek Webber's 22 points led central. Kenan Oliver had 18 and James Collins tallied 14 points for the Mules.

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Bearcats ink 21 football players for upcoming year

56 touchdowns.

"We aren't really sure where we are going to put him," Tjeerdsma said. "He could either be a running back for us or an inside wide receiver."

Overall, the pleased Tjeerdsma said the Bearcats signed players on defense with the physical makeup they were looking for.

"We found a lot of guys with the body types we were looking for on the offensive line and on defense," he said.

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Men and Women haul in six first place finishes

By JEROME BOETTCHER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Better results awaited the Bearcats for their second week running in Lincoln, Neb.

Both the men and women's teams took home six first-place finishes. Plus, the men finished second as a team and the women took third.

"We had really good performances and we competed well," men's coach Richard Alsup said. "We didn't have the depth."

Women's coach Vicki Wooton agreed with Alsup and said the only reason the team finished third in the meet was because Nebraska Wesleyan and Concordia University each had about three to four athletes in each event.

"It wasn't that big of a finish," Wooton said. "I really anticipated us finishing higher than we did. We just have a problem with depth; we don't have enough individuals in each of the events."

Alsup said they did well, even though it was a 176-yard track, a size which they are not used to.

"Of course, you want to improve as the weeks go on," Alsup said. "You wouldn't necessarily expect to improve your times on a 176-yard track, and most of us improved."

On the men's side, freshman E.J. Faulkner took first in the 440-yard dash and third in the 55-meter dash.

Freshman Anthony Jackson won the long jump competition as fellow freshman Diezas Calbert came in third. Calbert also won the triple jump. Sophomore Eric Isley took second in the 880-yard run and fourth in the mile run.

Junior Dan McKim won the weight throw and finished second in the shot put. Also in the field events, freshman Cliff McIntosh took third place in the pole vault with a mark of 14 feet 9 inches.

The mark tied his personal record and was the best performance by a Bearcat at a Nebraska Wesleyan meet. Junior Gabriel Helms took first in the 55-meter dash and second place in the 200-meter dash. However, Helms is still not pleased with how he has done this season.

"Right now, I'm actually a little frustrated, but I know I've just got to keep my nose to the grind and keep working and working and it will pay off," Helms said.

Helms is not sure why, in his mind, he is not doing so well this season, he just knows "it ain't right." He says he is trying to deal with it and "trying to make it right."

Alsup believes Helms is being too hard on himself and actually thinks his times are a little better than last year at this time.

For the women, sophomore Alisha Samuel continued to perform well as she took first in both the 55- and 200-meter dashes. Freshman Kailea Cook followed closely behind for a second place finish in the 55-meter dash. Cook also took fourth in the 200-meter dash and senior Gara Lacy was one spot ahead of her in third.

Lacy also took first in both the long and triple jump. Junior Steph Suntken took first in the 880-yard run and fourth in the long jump. The relay team continued to do well, as they took first in the 440-yard relay this past weekend. Senior Mary Wirt took second in the weight throw.

"That really hurt us—our depth—but we're very competitive in every event, so I was pleased with that," Wooton said.

The women will compete again on Friday and the men compete on Saturday. They both compete in Warrensburg in the Central Missouri State Relays. They will face MIAA schools Emporia State, Truman State and CMSU.

Wooton is looking for her distance runners to step up and for someone in the high jump to compete well enough to score at the conference championships. She also says they need to put a "little more effort" into their practices to help them for the upcoming meets.

"We need to keep improving in everything each week so that we're where we need to be by the time conference rolls around," Wooton said.

Alsup says he is not sure how his team will respond to the fact that the upcoming event is a non-scoring meet.

"Some people respond better to non-scoring meets because there is not as much pressure on them, so they relax and actually perform better," Alsup said. "Some people like the pressure and thrive on pressure. We would certainly like everyone to thrive on the pressure come conference championship time, because you can't fall on your face."

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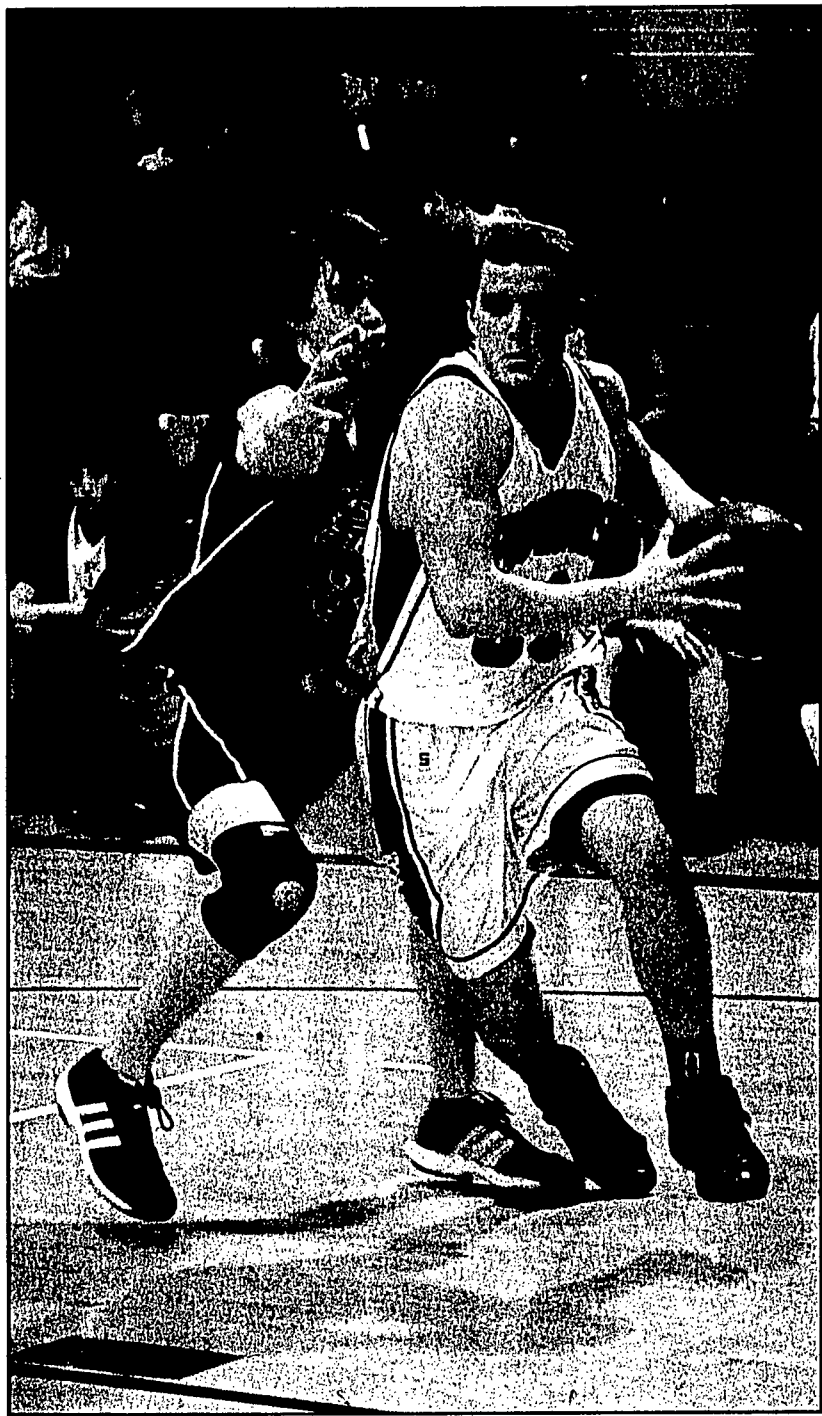


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Maryville senior Taylor McClellan glides past a Platte County defender Tuesday during the 'Hounds MEC victory over the Pirates. The 'Hounds play on Friday at Smithville.

'Hounds ease by Pirates

By SCOTT HILL
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Spoofhound boys' basketball team breezed past another opponent Tuesday night, defeating conference foe Platte County 56-44 in Maryville.

Solid defense, strong rebounding and great hustle led the 'Hounds to victory.

The game started off with a bang for Maryville as Nate Morley hit from downtown to give the 'Hounds an early 3-0 lead. The shot would be the first of four three-pointers made by Morley who finished the game with 13 points.

Maryville took its time on offense, passing the ball several times until they found the open man. Missed shots would turn into new opportunities as seniors Taylor McClellan and Jacob Heflin and junior Josh Wilmes were able to get offensive rebounds and put them in for the score. The 'Hounds led at halftime 30-20.

The second half started off much like the first half ended. Ball control continued to play an important role in the game. Syd Brisbane deflected a pass, got the steal and drove down the court, burying a 12-footer for the 'Hounds.

Wilmes, the game's leading scorer with 16 points, made his mark on defense by swatting away an opponent's shot, knocking it out of bounds. The 'Hounds' ability to play solid defense continues to put them in a position to win the game.

"I think we're getting closer and closer to becoming the kind of team we want to be," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "We want to get a little more active on offense and continue to play good defense."

Timely shooting from Wilmes and Morley gave the 'Hounds the edge they needed to slowly pull away throughout the game. Platte County played hard, but could never really get the game close enough for a late run on Maryville. The Spoofhounds won the game 56-44.

"My teammates were the ones who got me open," Morley said. "They found me and I just hit the open shot. We play pretty solid defense almost every game and that's where most of our offense comes from, steals and fast-breaks."

With the win, the 'Hounds improve to 15-3 overall and 2-0 in conference play. They defeated the Benton Cardinals 49-35 last Friday.

The 'Hounds will travel to Smithville Friday to take on the Warriors. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.



Six 'Hounds sign to area colleges, four sign to Northwest

By STEPH SUCKOW
MANAGING EDITOR

Four Spoofhounds are keeping their talents close to home after signing with Northwest Wednesday morning.

Javen Spire, Matt Nelson, Brant Gregg and Robbie Lade met before parents, friends and former coach John Pelzer to sign national letters-of-intent.

"I'm proud of these kids," Pelzer said. "This is definitely Northwest's gain. They were a big reason our program elevated this year, allowing us to win 80 percent of our games."

The four 'Hounds will remain at their current positions after joining the Bearcats.

U p o n signing with Northwest, the seniors gave up other options of attending Mid-America Nazarene University, Southwest Baptist University, St. Mary's University and Benedictine University.

"Northwest definitely had the best program over other schools," said Spire. "And, it's close to my house and I already know people who play here."

The overall consensus from the players was excitement and readiness to get into the Bearcat lineup.

"My goal is to get in there and learn the offense and contribute to the team," Gregg said.

Gregg was an all-district and All-MEC pick during his senior year at Maryville. He rushed for 1,014

yards and 16 touchdowns last season.

Nelson is a two time all-state selection. In addition, he has been selected to the first team All-MEC squad the last two seasons.

Spire was named to the second-team All-MEC squad in his first year on the offensive line.

Bryan Heckman was also present for signing day to become a part of Mayville State University in North Dakota.

"They wanted me and they were the first team who showed interest," Heckman said.

Heckman said he looks forward to the opportunity to learn the offense and play at the collegiate level.

Even though the Spoofhounds are losing five players, Pelzer is excited to watch them succeed at a higher level.

"It's hard to stay focused in this day and age, so it's definitely a credit to the boys," Pelzer said. "This will also help with the younger players, it gives them something to look up to."

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Spire



Lade



Gregg



Nelson



Heckman

SPORTS IN BRIEF

New football districts announced

On Wednesday the Missouri State High School Activities Association announced the football classes for the next two years.

While many speculated that Maryville's enrollment would allow them to become a member of Class 2, the state's second smallest enrollment group, the 'Hounds remained in Class 3.

Maryville's enrollment this year was 484.

In addition to the new classes being announced, new district assignments were also announced for the upcoming two years.

In the 'Hounds district are Midland Empire foes Platte County, Savannah and Smithville.

Until the last two years, Platte County had been a member of the district, but then moved to a district with Kansas City teams.

Last year the 'Hounds were in a district with Chillicothe, Cameron and Savannah.

Chillicothe's new district contains Boonville, Odessa and Richmond.

Cameron dropped to Class 2 where they will play against Leblond, Mid-Buchanan and South Harrison.

High school football season gets underway on Friday Sept. 3.

Last year Maryville opened up the season against Glenwood, Iowa. The schedule for the upcoming season has not been released.

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Four wrestlers miss Quad State Tourney

three members of the team were with this student at the time of the incident and were forced to miss the tournament as well.

"It's a disciplinary reason and those who need to know, know," Maryville High School Principal Ronald Landherr said. "Essentially, I'm not going to comment, because it's confidential."

Drake said that the postseason is up in the air because of the incident.

"I don't really know what's going to happen," head coach Joe Drake said. "Right now it's out of my hands."

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Districts up next for 'Hounds' wrestlers

end your season on a losing note, it's not nearly as nice as ending on a winning note," Drake said. "I think they are all important; each (dual or tournament) has its own merit."

The Maryville Tournament is not only important because it is the last of the regular season, but also because it provides one last chance for a battle against possible postseason opponents.

"We think it's a pretty good warm-up tournament for us, because normally the Maryville Tournament is more difficult than our district tournament is for us," Drake said.

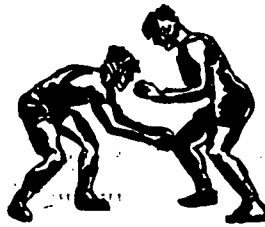
With the regular season finally

out of the way, the 'Hounds are looking to clean up the rough edges in their wrestling.

"This week we concentrate fully on going into the district tournament," Drake said. "We will individually analyze each wrestler's opponent, coming into the tournament, and look at our expectations of what we think has to happen."

The 'Hounds will be back in action starting Saturday in the first round of the district tournament.

"If everyone wrestles to the best of their ability, we've got a good chance to be in the top ten," Drake said. "There's no doubt about it."



Hounds Wrestling

FAN PLAN

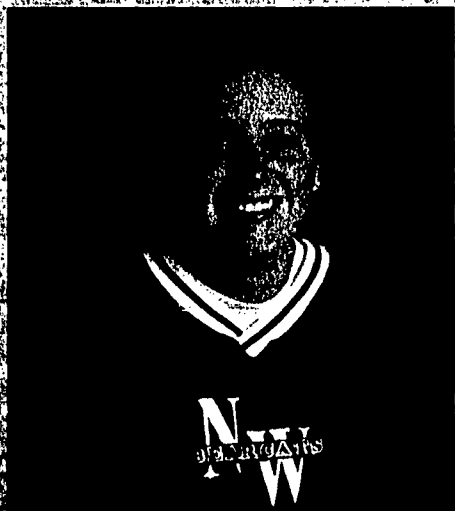
	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest men's basketball			Emporia State 7:30 p.m.				Tulane State 7:30 p.m.
Northwest women's basketball			Emporia State 5:30 p.m.				Tulane State 5:30 p.m.
Northwest indoor track			CMSU Relays				
Maryville boy's basketball		Smithville 7 p.m.					
Maryville girl's basketball						Chillicothe 6:30 p.m.	
Maryville wrestling			Districts (Albany) 10 a.m.				

■ GAME TO WATCH: Emporia State and Northwest go at it again. The women look to avenge their loss two weeks ago. Meanwhile, the men should have another competitive game against the Hornets.

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Spotlight Player

...scored the winning bucket for Northwest with 0.4 seconds remaining in their 77-70 win over Southwest Baptist University.



Ford

World of art appeals to your man

I sure am getting tired of strolling. I am also incredibly tired of wiping myself with coffee filters in the absence of toilet paper. Though they do make a surprisingly efficient one-ply substitute, it has gotten way past the point of being slightly amusing. That aside, I will begin my column.

Everyday, we all see the catchy infomercial for Tom Stuart's Art Instruction School flash across the television screen, but we never stop to think that a fulfilling, lifetime career with art is only 45 minutes of waiting on hold away. Though I had serious reservations about whether I could compete with the obvious masters of visual art whose work was displayed in the ad, I thought that 45 minutes sounded like a modest investment in my future and decided to give them a call.

After hanging out with Kenny G on the line for the better part of an hour, I was patched through to Tom's personal secretary, Misty, who was ready to jot down any and all information necessary for the delivery of my personal art test. In disbelief, I actually asked if I had dialed the right number, Misty seemed amused at my euphoric state. After she had asked me a couple of questions, such as my address,



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telephone number and birthday, my request for a free art test was complete.

I know that there are probably some skeptics out there who think that Tom Stuart's program is just a three-week seminar (scam) on how to draw pirates and turtles. However, Tom and his team of art professionals have assured me that their commitment to artistic excellence is responsible for teaching Charles Schulz to draw little bald retarded-looking kids. That's all the credibility I need. Other Art Instruction School alumni include Bob Ross, Yoko Ono and the fat guy in coveralls that sells the framed felt pictures of black panthers, rotweilers and unicorns out of the back of his blue and white Chevy Laredo in the

Hy-Vee parking lot.

As I opened my official art test I could hardly contain myself. My anxiety concerning the test would surely be detected by Tom's horde of incredibly scrutinizing art professionals and would affect my score. I so desperately wish to join the ranks of the Art Instruction School elite.

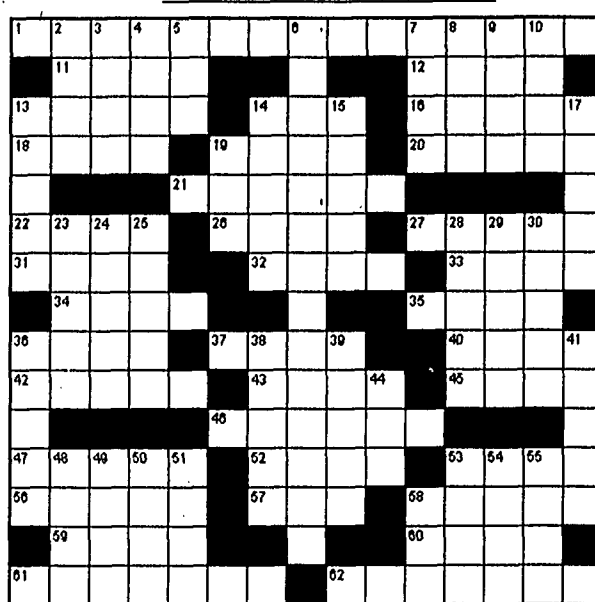
I especially look forward to meeting the individual responsible for the exquisite portrait of the roadster on the beach, shown in the commercial. It is flawless. The attention to detail is of a caliber only Tom Stuart can provide.

This rigorous exam represents a major epoch in my life. Will I be welcomed into the inner circle of this prestigious and avant-garde art community? The pressure is unbearable, but what major life decision is without its composure-shattering uncertainty?

Tom Stuart's offer probably has more appeal to those of us who had to settle for Northwest, rather than those whose life ambition was to be a Bearcat, but I encourage everyone to take the time, the challenge and give Misty a call.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across
1. Bigotry
11. Male given name
12. Memorandum
13. Slink
14. Old French coin
16. Repasts
18. Bottom of ship's hull
19. Ink spot
20. Advertising industry workers
21. Of delicate beauty
22. Applies friction to
26. Bird of peace
27. More suit-

able
31. Snare
32. Web-footed aquatic bird
33. Hire
34. Encourage in wrongdoing
35. Engrossed
36. Type of gun
37. Immersion in water
40. Emperor of Rome 54-68 AD
42. Fuses together
43. So long
45. Lock openers
46. Palm leaves
47. Dry stalks

Down
2. Agricultural implement
3. Hint
4. Auditorium
5. Writing fluid
6. Not conventional
7. Jane Austen novel
8. Grass
9. Officiating priest of a mosque
10. Flat-fish
13. Garment worn by women
14. US-born British poet
15. Speak
17. Nasal grunt
19. Not good
23. Salt of uric acid
24. Confused mixture of sounds
25. To use up
28. Trick
29. Indian tent
30. Entrance
36. Rustle, as silk
38. Bitterly pungent
39. Handkerchief
41. Willow
44. Takes too much
48. Drink to excess
49. Sorrower
50. Quickly
51. In good health
53. Grapes after pressing
54. Partly open
55. Heavy book
58. Manager

on the edge
African American accomplishments:
■ Supermodel Tyra Banks was the first African American to appear solo on the cover of the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue.
■ After the Civil War, Iowa was the first state to allow African Americans the right to vote.
■ Marjorie Stewart Joyner became the first female African American patent holder, when she patented her invention for setting hair in 1926.
■ Helen Willis Moody was the first female African American tennis player to achieve international fame. She had more Wimbledon titles than any woman in tennis history, until Martina Navratilova broke the record in 1990.
■ For her work on "Annie Allen", author Gwendolyn Brooks was the first African American to win a Pulitzer Prize.

See answers below
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Upcoming Concerts

Kansas City

Feb. 6 Jeff Foxworthy
Ameristar

Feb. 18 Robben Ford
Grand Emporium

Feb. 3 Easily Amused
DMACC

Feb. 14 Larry Garner
Blues on Grand

Feb. 11 John Eddie
Ranch Bowl

Feb. 20 Jordan Knight
Ranch Bowl

Feb. 11 Josh Groban
Midland Theatre

Feb. 18 The Beautiful Mistake
Spitfire

Feb. 7 Chris Beard
Blues on Grand

Feb. 21 Sting
Civic Center

Feb. 13 Anything But Joey
Sokol Underground

Feb. 29 Bill Cosby
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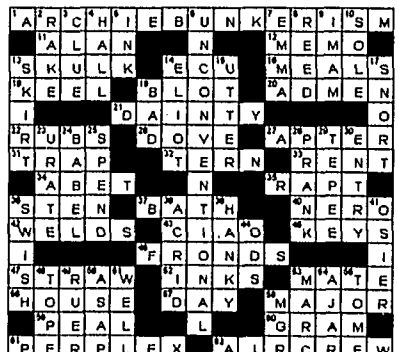
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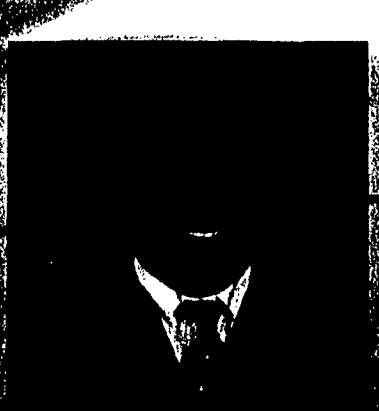
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